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1. On 2 August 1951, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse, Brandenburg (N 53/2 23), was occupied by only a rear unit of about 150 men, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive vehicular traffic between the installation and Altengrabow, where the troops from the installation are staying, was noticed.

2. On 1 August, the Infanterie Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse quartered from 200 to 250 troops who, since they were receiving basic training, seemed to be recruits. Only about 20 percent of the barracks were lighted at nightfall. **

3. A convoy of 65 to 70 trucks left the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse on 24 July, heading toward Altengrabow. About 40 of the trucks carried approximately 30 fully equipped soldiers each. Twenty of the trucks carried soldiers, and also towed 122-mm artillery pieces. The following

4. On 3 August, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops, predominantly recruits. Only a little vehicular traffic has been noticed since the departure of the majority of the troops from the installation. were identified. Building No 15 on Magdeburgerstrasse was requisitioned and occupied by Soviet soldiers.

* Comment. The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne since the last report of 25 June by the same source. See

** Field Comment. The same source reported in late March 1951, that the damaged buildings of the Infanterie Kaserne were being reconstructed. Reconstruction work has probably been completed and the installation occupied by troops since that time.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms a report from Altengrabow by another source, who observed the arrival of a convoy of 50 to 60 trucks with 24 artillery pieces at Altengrabow by road from the direction of Brandenburg on 25 July 1951. [REDACTED]

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